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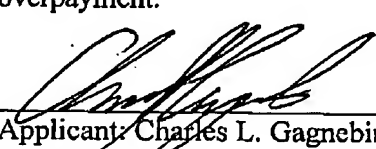
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THE USE OF SPHINGOLIPIDS IN THE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OF TYPE 2 DIABETES  
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The specification of which (check one):

[ ] is attached hereto [X] was <sup>deposited</sup> /filed on September 15, 2006 as Application No. 10/592,994,  
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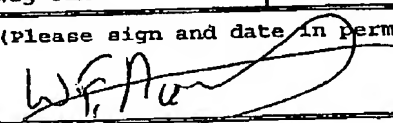
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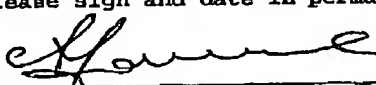
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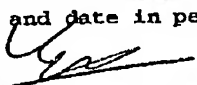
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